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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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x 145=	\$	
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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to an office action mailed September 26, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments for entry in the above-referenced application:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper